

CONVENTION ELECTS OFFICERS AND HEARS ANNUAL SERMON

paper men, representing the press of the whole United States.

Maps on Wall.
On the walls behind the platform appeared an interesting array of maps and posters showing the work of the various auxiliary bodies, and calling attention to special phases of religious work and Christian endeavor.

Not the least interesting was a placard entitled "Ain't It a Shame," which by a short and long line described the vast sum spent for domestic missions and the small sum expended for foreign missions by Christian churches, adding the fact that there are no less than \$84,000,000 heathen to whom Christianity is unknown.

Another poster shows the work of the Woman's Auxiliary by a series of pictures of large and small bells, and the bell of 1907 is larger than all the rest. A map showing the progress of foreign missions cannot fail to attract attention, for it sets out that in 1899 the sum subscribed amounted to \$108,192, while in 1907 the amount had risen to \$403,811, ending with the words "Praise God for Victory."

In great letters across the back of the hall appears the statement that in the United States there is one ordained minister for every 146 of population. These pictures are in themselves eloquent sermons, and each teaches a lesson which must appeal to the thoughtful men and women in the convention hall.

The Opening.
It took a full ten minutes of the hour set for the opening exercises, but the enthusiasm of the delegates could not longer be controlled, and the choir joined the vast audience in singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," with a vehemence which made the rafters ring, followed by the favorite hymn of all previous conventions, "How Firm a Foundation," all the delegates standing.

Dr. Gregory, secretary of the convention for twenty-six years, leaned over and whispered: "That is the first time since the convention was organized that 'How Firm a Foundation' was not the opening hymn."

Prominent among the great number of prominent delegates seen near the platform were Dr. J. William Jones, Dr. B. F. Riley, of Houston, Texas; Dr. J. B. Turpin, of Charlottesville; Dr. J. N. Johnston, of Missouri; Dr. George W. True, of Texas; Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, once presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket; Hon. J. B. Wood, of E. D. Starke, Dr. A. B. Woodin, of Waynesboro; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. E. Hatcher, Dr. Pitt and Dr. McDaniel.

It was shortly after 3:15 o'clock when President Stephens rapped with his gavel, saying: "Let all stand while we are led in prayer by Rev. S. M. Province, of Alabama." The vast audience arose, and Dr. Province, who has two sons in the foreign mission field, working in China, led the divine blessing for the work of the convention and upon mission work throughout the world.

Quick Organization.
Following the opening prayer, the convention got rapidly down to work, and proved itself a wonderful business organization by dispatching in a few minutes business which threatened to consume many hours.

Dr. Burrows, of the secretaries, moved that roll-call be dispensed with, urging that it would consume valuable time, and suggesting a plan of card signatures, which would better answer the purpose.

"There must be some plan like this," exclaimed Dr. Burrows in a noisy voice, which reached all parts of the hall, "or we will be a disorganized mob, governed, however, by Christian principles."

This sentence created great merriment, and won Dr. Burrows his motion.

The election of officers followed, with Hon. Henry R. Pollard in the chair. Dr. Stephens was made president again, the two secretaries were re-elected, and several vice-presidents were elected.

Dr. Stephens, in a short speech, thanked the convention for the honor it had conferred upon him for the third time.

"I am glad that this wonderful convention—the greatest convention of our history—is taking place in the glorious old State of Virginia, which we love so well," he declared.

Mr. George W. Nott, of Kentucky, was elected treasurer, and Dr. William Patrick Harvey, of Kentucky, was elected auditor.

This ended the quickest organization on record, the whole business not having consumed a half-hour.

President Stephens invited those in the audience who were standing to take seats in the space set apart for the delegates, and while this move was in progress the congregation sang "Marching to Zion." The address of welcome by Mayor McCarthy and the response by Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, followed.

After the choir and audience had sung "Jesus Shall Reign," Rev. Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Birmingham, preached an eloquent sermon, touching on the personality of Christ and the need of activity in faith.

At the conclusion of the sermon, before the choir could rise, Delegate Charles Wilkenson, of Georgia, struck up "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and the audience joining in, made one of the most impressive features of the night's exercises.

Chairman Thomas, of the order of business committee, made his report, setting out that from 9:30 to 11 o'clock home and foreign missions and Sunday schools will be discussed by the convention.

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day-schools will be discussed by the convention. At 11 o'clock Dr. Hawthorne will preach. From 3 to 6 o'clock again at 3:15 o'clock foreign missions will be the feature of the work of the delegates.

Pleased With Hall.
Dr. R. H. Pitt, in discussing the hall, said last night: "The Auditorium is admirably adapted to these great meetings. Speakers should be careful to stand in the center of the platform, hold their heads up and speak straightforwardly to the people in front of them, speaking distinctly and not too rapidly. If, however, the speaker turns first to one side and then to the other he will not be heard by those whom he turns his back. There is too much movement, too, in the room. The chairs to-night will probably close the doors when the room is full, and be able to reduce this confusion. Too much praise cannot be given to Charles E. D. Starke, Secretary Ryland Knight and the other committee men. They have done their work well."

Other Meetings.
During the day a number of important meetings were held outside the convention hall. The board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville met, received reports, projected plans for increasing the endowment to \$1,000,000, and elected Rev. Dr. C. S. Gardner, pastor of the Grace Street Church, of Richmond, to the chair of homiletics. In the afternoon Baptist laymen, many of them known throughout the country, met and inaugurated a movement expected to effect a revolution in certain lines of the denominational work. The Woman's Missionary Union held interesting sessions, and the B. Y. Y. closed a most successful convention. The Education Commission of Virginia met and discussed plans interesting to the schools of this State. Last, but not least, the Southern Baptist Educational Conference, at two sessions, provided a series of notable addresses by distinguished educators and honored Richmond by the election of Dr. F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond College, as president. In all respects it was a busy day, and a vast amount of work was accomplished.

THOUSANDS IN CONVENTION HALL
Impressive Scene in Auditorium Last Night When Convention Was Called to Order.

With most of the auxiliary meetings and conventions out of the way, they having completed during Wednesday and yesterday the work which had been assigned to them, the interest of the gathered hosts of Southern Baptists now in this city centered in the meeting of the great convention, which held its opening session in Richmond's new and splendid Auditorium last night.

It was announced that the convention would open at 8:15 o'clock, but it was an hour sooner than this when the crowds began to assemble, and long before the time fixed nearly every seat in the vast Auditorium was filled, and when all the people were seated not fewer than 3,500 were in the building.

The next business in order was the election of officers, and this business was also quickly disposed of.

Rev. Dr. Truett, of Texas, in a brief but eloquent speech, nominated Hon. E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, for president. He spoke of him as a man in whom are combined all the qualities which go to make the ideal president, a man who gives himself completely to the cause of missions, the cause of education and all the other enterprises of the denomination, a man who has been vice-president of several large national and international Baptist bodies, a deacon in his church, and in all respects "an all-around Baptist worker."

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ing. In the rear of the building, beyond the tier of seats reserved for delegates, and in the galleries, there was a throng of visitors—men, women and children—and some of them kept up such a chatter of conversation it was impossible for them to hear a word of what was going on upon the rostrum.

The acoustic properties of the building are all right. Had the people kept quiet they could have heard.

Early Seated.

The seats reserved for the delegates, who were the little red badges, were filled more promptly than usual. Dr. Gregory, one of the veteran secretaries, says never before in the history of the convention has there been so many delegates in their seats at the opening session. While every possible effort was made by the secretaries to get the delegates registered by card as they came in, it was impossible to get up to last night to make a complete list of them. However, it is quite certain that as many as 1,800 regularly elected delegates were present at the organization session when President Stephens' gavel fell.

Spirited Singing.

The convention choir, which numbered a hundred singers and has been for a week or more under the training of Professor Harwood, occupied seats on the rostrum, and as a preliminary service led in the singing of two of the grand old hymns.

Rev. Dr. S. M. Province, of Alabama, led the vast body in prayer. In his prayer Dr. Province uttered the heartfelt benediction of Southern Baptist brotherhood for the success which has attended their efforts in spreading the gospel during the convention year just closed. He rendered thanks for the great work done in foreign fields, and especially rejoiced that the contribution of the churches enabled the foreign mission board to announce to the whole world by wire the glad tidings that it owed no debts.

After these brief devotional exercises, President Stephens called for the first business, that of enrollment of delegates.

After explaining fully the system of enrolling by card, which he and his associate had adopted, Dr. Burrows, secretary, moved that the calling of the roll be dispensed with, and that the roll already received and those yet to come in be admitted to the convention. The motion was adopted, and the long calling of the roll, which has heretofore taken up much valuable time, was quickly put out of the way.

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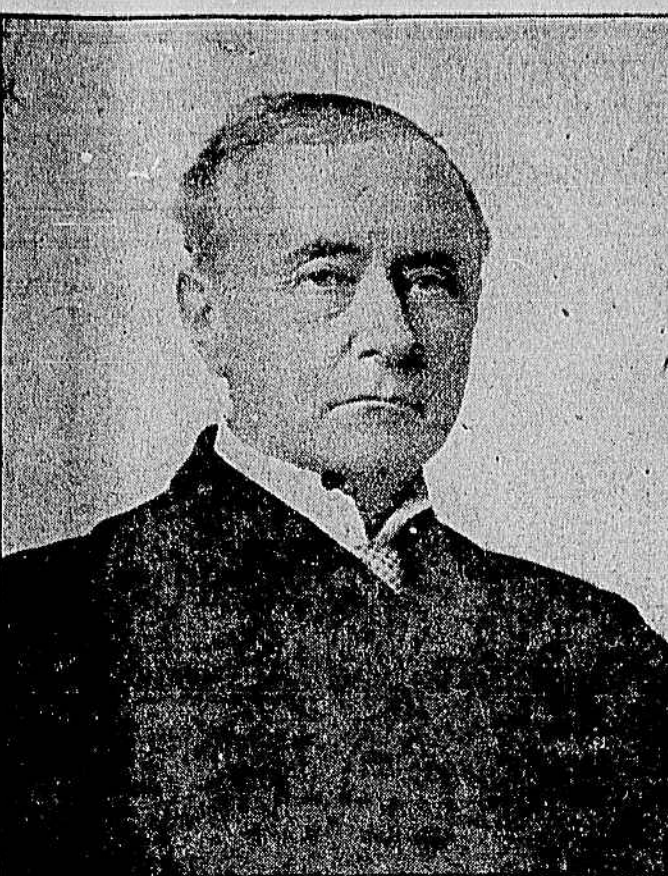
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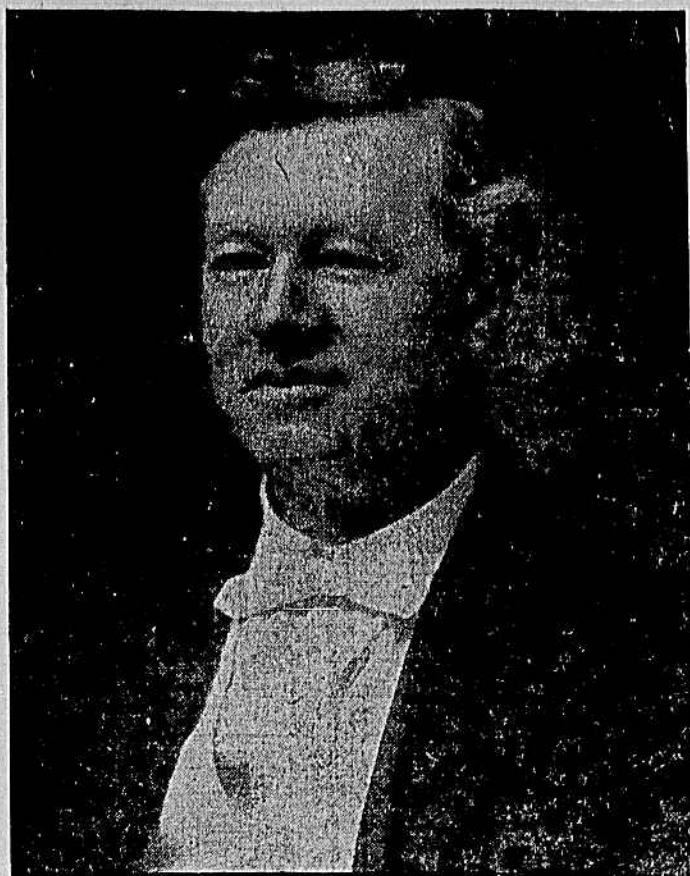
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PRESIDENT AND MINISTER WHO PREACHED ANNUAL SERMON



HON. E. W. STEPHENS,
of Columbia, Mo.



REV. A. J. DICKINSON, D. D.,
of Birmingham, Ala.

CONVENTION SERMON
BY REV. DR. DICKINSON

Birmingham Minister Preaches Before Great Audience on "The Religion of the Risen Lord."

were unanimously re-elected secretaries; Mr. George W. Norton was elected treasurer, and Dr. William P. Harvey, auditor, and this completed the list of officers.

Mayor McCarthy on Missions.
Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutson introduced Mayor Carlton McCarthy, who made a thrilling address of welcome.

In introducing the Mayor, Dr. Hutson said all of Richmond was proud to have this great convention here, and the City Fathers believed that the Baptists are like the sands of the sea-shore, and had, therefore, provided a large house for them to assemble in. He said the Mayor was a patriot, a scholar and a man who usually said something every time he opened his mouth, and "better than all of these things, he is a devout Baptist."

The convention arose to greet the Mayor, who spoke briefly and to the point. He said he never before attempted to speak to such an august assembly, and he never before beheld such an inspiring scene as that which was in front of him. It was beyond the power of man to express fully the pleasure the people of Richmond feel in having this convention here, but he was glad to welcome the body to a city where all Christian denominations are represented, and where they all work in harmony, minimizing the smaller things which differentiate them, and uniting as one great people in advancing the tenets of the Christian religion.

Mayor McCarthy then, branching out, made a thrilling missionary address, in which he declared that the wildest dream of romance never put in the mind of man a conception of the wonderful work the church is called upon to do.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Friday; Saturday fair, warmer, light west to southwest winds.

North Carolina—Fair Friday, warmer in west portion; Saturday fair, warmer or light to fresh southwest winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather was cool and rainy. Range of the thermometer:
9 A. M. 74 6 P. M. 55
12 M. 76 9 P. M. 53
3 P. M. 55 12 midnight 63
Average 62-63.

Highest temperature yesterday 77
Lowest temperature yesterday 53
Mean temperature yesterday 62
Normal temperature yesterday 67
Departure from normal temperature, 1
degree below.

THIS DAY LAST YEAR.
9 A. M. 68 6 P. M. 70
12 M. 71 9 P. M. 66
3 P. M. 70 12 midnight 60
Average 69.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place.	Ther.	H.T.	Weather
Asheville	64	69	Clear
Augusta	68	70	Rain
Atlanta, Ga.	62	66	Clear
Buffalo, N. Y.	50	54	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	56	55	Clear
Cincinnati, O.	59	64	Clear
Davenport	62	64	P. cloudy
Detroit, Mich.	52	54	Clear
Hartford, N. C.	68	76	Rain
Indianapolis	70	76	Rain
Kansas City	72	78	Clear
New Orleans	72	71	Clear
Oakland, Calif.	61	84	Clear
Pittsburgh, Pa.	56	60	Cloudy
Raleigh	61	76	Rain
Savannah	68	76	Rain
Norfolk, Va.	62	72	Rain
Tampa, Fla.	70	82	Rain
Washington	68	81	Rain
Wilmington	72	78	Rain
Yellowstone	44	58	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC. May 17, 1907.
Sun rises 5:01 HIGH TIDE 3:00
Sun sets 7:12 Morning 3:00
Moon sets 10:08 Evening 8:45

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SAVINGS DEPARTMENT RICHMOND, VA. CAPITAL \$300,000.00
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mission with Himself in His Messianic them. He breathes on them and says, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." They may not partake of His power. This Spirit clothes the messianized with power from on high, to preach repentance and remission of sins in Messiah's name. So we are not surprised to see that it is the Holy Spirit who selects Paul and Barnabas for missionaries and sends them forth from the church in Antioch; that it is the Spirit who forbids missionaries to go into Asia and the Spirit of Jesus which keeps them out of Bithynia. So impressed is Paul with the necessity for the Spirit that he says, "If any man have not the Spirit of Jesus, he is none of His." You cannot be messianized without having the Messianic Spirit, and it is that Spirit that bears witness with your spirit that you are a son of God; and "thereby know we that He abideth in us and we in Him, by the Spirit which He hath given us." So the Messianic King in His risen life puts the Spirit within our reach, and bids us reach for it.

Partakers of His Messianic Mission.
The epiphanies of our Lord as given in the Gospels have a twofold purpose—to convince His disciples that He is risen from the dead and still lives, and to commission them with Him in that risen life. His body of flesh and bones figures in these events only for the purpose of identifying Himself as the Jesus they had known before. It can no longer serve that useful purpose to us. But that the commissioning of the disciples is the important purpose in these epiphanies is shown by the fact that each evangelist has selected one for the crowning of His Gospel. Matthew goes straight from the empty tomb and the resurrection to the commission on the mountain in Galilee, only stopping by the way to remind them of the engagement. Mark's conclusion has been lost, but was probably the same as Matthew's. Luke, after showing that the appearing and resurrection of the Messiah was foreshadowed in the Old Testament, goes right on to the commission in Jerusalem; and it only remains to tell of the ascension. John, after preparing the way by the appearance to Mary, gives the commission to the upper room, repeated on the next Sunday for the benefit of Thomas; and concludes his Gospel with the statement that it was written that men might believe Jesus was the Messiah and have life in His name. So each Gospel narrative leads the reader on to some scene in which the risen Lord commissions His disciples with Him in His Messianic mission, and when that is told it stops, having accomplished its author's purpose in writing. What means this but that the terribly mysterious of our Lord had for the purpose of commissioning of disciples with Himself in His risen Messiahship?

Partakers of His Messianic Spirit.
The prophets represented the Messianic age as one of catholic spiritual activity, because Jehovah would pour out His Spirit on all flesh, and every class of men should have the prophetic gifts. The Spirit was for all the world, in its height and depth, as well as its length and breadth, for all men, and all sorts of men in all their peculiarities and racial, social and personal differences. It was not a respecter of persons, because it had complete respect for every man in all his characteristic peculiarities. A spiritual religion can be a catholic religion, for it is independent of, and superior to, the limitations and conditions of time and place, and versatile enough to become all things to all men if by all means it may save some. It can manifest itself in varied concrete forms, and the exigencies of the occasion may require, and has done so in all its past history, and is destined to be even more multifarious in its manifestations in the future. New types of Christianity are even now being produced by the Spirit as it works in the changing conditions of this varied and ever varying world. What types of the Messianic religion will rise from the East when its people have felt the power of the Spirit of Jesus? From China, Japan, India and the islands of the sea will come new samples of the Spirit work which will greatly enlarge the number of the regular army, whom now we bid to know the Lord shall echo back across the sea to our children, "know the Lord," until all shall know Him from the least even to the greatest. For it is Christ himself, and He is the Spirit of God, who is the life of the world, and who ever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. So now when He has commissioned

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Partakers in the Messianic Kingdom.
The only hope of the world's salvation from sin lies in the movement to put them into fellowship with the risen Messianic King. For "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus the Messiah, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." In vain do you tell me that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from sin unless you put me into living fellowship with Him. So we have here offered salvation from sin as one of the results of bringing men into the kingdom of God. And this is done by discipling them to Jesus, the risen Messiah. Salvation comes through relations which are purely personal. The Messianic religion offers to men a risen Lord who may be known and made to operate in their lives as Saviour if they will only put themselves into relations of fellowship with Him. The way of salvation is to correlate your life with that of your Lord, as life on life acts and reacts in personal fellowship of faith and love. The disciple is "added to the Lord"; he is baptized "into Jesus the Messiah," "into His death and resurrection," he "dies with the Messiah," and "reckons himself indeed to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in the Messiah Jesus." He "counts all things but loss that he may win the Messiah, and be found in Him"; and "may know Him and the power of His resurrection, if by any means he also may attain unto the resurrection from the dead." He is with His Messiah "quickened together with Him, raised up with Him, and made to sit with Him in the heavens in the Messiah Jesus." Everywhere his salvation is made to depend on this personal union with the Messiah. It is a religion specially offered to the sinful, and its call is to them rather than to the righteous. The Messiah offers His following specially to the lost. He is the advocate and the propitiator of the sinner. And now as He commissions His disciples with Him and breathes on them the Messianic Spirit, He tells them that through the Messianic life-work now bequeathed to them still lies the world's only hope of salvation from sin. It is a religion that has taken on itself a stupendous task, for men are all over the world looking towards heaven and praying, "Lord, I have sinned, have mercy on me." The Messiah Jesus, but only that of the risen Lord for the sinner. His fellowship so messianizes him, who comes under its spell that he is washed with a washing of regeneration and a renewing of the Holy Spirit, and is granted the experience of faith, a righteousness which cometh of God, so that the justified one may live as a just one by faith. Since the promise to Abraham, the friend of God, who entertained Him in his tent at Mamre, this has been the gospel of the Messiah, and it is the world's sole final and efficacious hope for redemption from sin.

POLICE INSPECTION.
Meeting of Board Deferred Until This Taken Place.
The Board of Police Commissioners have postponed the date of their semi-annual inspection later in the month, when they will hold both. The force now consists of 126 men, of whom ten are mounted, and ten are bicycle officers. Others are detailed to special duty as police detectives in plain clothes. The mounted men are now patrolling the new territory at the extreme eastern and western ends of the city, while five of the bicycle officers are assigned to each district.

It was stated at police headquarters yesterday that it will be thirty days, and possibly July 1st, before the new First Stationhouse will be occupied by the department. Just why the construction of the building has consumed such a length of time nobody appears able to explain. It will also be at least a month before the new auto patrol wagon will be brought into a requisition by the department.

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